

**MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS INTERVENTION COUNCIL**

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill creates the Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council to establish protocols and standards for the training and functioning of local mental health crisis intervention teams.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates the Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council;
- ▶ addresses the council's membership, meetings, compensation, and staff;
- ▶ describes the duties of the council, including developing a program providing for:
  - training, and developing protocols and standards, for local mental health crisis intervention teams; and
  - implementation and oversight of crisis intervention teams on a local and statewide basis;
- ▶ requires the council to present the program and recommendations relating to the program to the Government Operations Interim Committee and other organizations;
- ▶ provides for training grants as funding becomes available; and
- ▶ repeals the council after the council's duties are completed.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63I-2-262**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 212

ENACTS:

**62A-15-1901**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

33           **62A-15-1902**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

34           **62A-15-1903**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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36   *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

37           Section 1. Section **62A-15-1901** is enacted to read:

38                           **Part 19. Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council**

39           **62A-15-1901. Definitions.**

40           As used in this part:

41           (1) "Council" means the Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council created in Section  
42 62A-15-1902.

43           (2) "Crisis intervention team" means a local mental health crisis intervention team  
44 created to provide services to individuals, and the families of individuals, experiencing a  
45 behavioral health or psychiatric emergency.

46           (3) "Mental health catchment area" means a county or group of counties governed by a  
47 local mental health authority.

48           Section 2. Section **62A-15-1902** is enacted to read:

49           **62A-15-1902. Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council -- Creation --**

50           **Membership -- Meetings -- Compensation -- Staff.**

51           (1) There is created, within the division, the Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council.

52           (2) The council comprises the following members:

53           (a) the director or the director's designee;

54           (b) two members representing statewide mental health advocacy organizations,  
55 appointed by the director;

56           (c) an individual who has experienced mental illness, appointed by the director;

57           (d) a family member of an individual who has experienced mental illness, appointed by  
58 the director;

59           (e) a representative of an urban local mental health authority, appointed by the director;

60           (f) a representative of a rural local mental health authority, appointed by the director;

61           (g) a representative of the Utah Chiefs of Police Association from an urban area,  
62 appointed by the director based upon a recommendation from the association;

63           (h) a representative of the Utah Chiefs of Police Association from a rural area,

64 appointed by the director based upon a recommendation from the association;

65 (i) a representative of the Utah Sheriffs' Association from an urban area, appointed by  
66 the director based upon a recommendation from the association;

67 (j) a representative of the Utah Sheriffs' Association from a rural area, appointed by the  
68 director based upon a recommendation from the association;

69 (k) the executive director of the Department of Public Safety or the executive director's  
70 designee;

71 (l) the executive director of the Department of Corrections or the executive director's  
72 designee; and

73 (m) other individuals, appointed by the director, with knowledge and experience that  
74 would be useful to the council.

75 (3) (a) If a vacancy occurs on the council, the director shall appoint a replacement  
76 member.

77 (b) The director may remove a member for cause, including failure to regularly attend  
78 meetings.

79 (4) (a) The council shall meet when a meeting is called by the director, the chair, or  
80 upon a request of a majority of the council members.

81 (b) A majority of the council members appointed constitutes a quorum and a two-thirds  
82 majority of a quorum present constitutes action of the council.

83 (c) The council shall appoint a chair from among the council's members upon a  
84 two-thirds majority vote of a quorum.

85 (5) A member of the council may not receive compensation or benefits for the  
86 member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

87 (a) Section 63A-3-106;

88 (b) Section 63A-3-107; and

89 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance in accordance with Sections 63A-3-106 and  
90 63A-3-107.

91 (6) The division shall provide staff support to the council.

92 Section 3. Section **62A-15-1903** is enacted to read:

93 **62A-15-1903. Council duties -- Training grants.**

94 (1) The council shall develop a program to:

(a) train crisis intervention teams throughout the state; and  
(b) establish standards for crisis intervention teams, including coordination within and between teams.

(2) The program shall:

(a) include required curriculum and required practice standards based on best practices for crisis intervention;

(b) establish standards for completion of initial crisis intervention team training and annual continuing education training, including:

(i) at least 40 hours of initial training; and

(ii) successful completion of an approved exam;

(c) prioritize crisis intervention efforts by collaborating with law enforcement and statewide mental health advocacy efforts;

(d) take into consideration local training needs; and

(e) establish mental health and law enforcement coordinator roles and responsibilities for implementation and oversight of crisis intervention teams on a statewide basis, and in each mental health catchment area, that utilizes input and representation from:

(i) for statewide implementation and oversight:

(A) individuals who have experienced mental illness; and

(B) statewide mental health advocates; and

(ii) for implementation and oversight in a mental health catchment area:

(A) individuals who reside within the mental health catchment area and have experienced mental illness; and

(B) mental health advocates within the mental health catchment area.

(3) The council shall:

(a) before July 1, 2022, develop and present the program, in writing, to the director;

(b) before August 1, 2022, present the program, and other recommendations related to the duties of the council, for review and input to:

(i) the Government Operations Interim Committee;

(ii) the Utah Chiefs of Police Association, the Utah Sheriffs' Association, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Corrections, and the Utah Association of Counties;

126           (iii) the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council, created in Section  
127    63M-7-301; and

128           (iv) the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Commission, created in Section  
129    63C-18-202; and

130           (c) before December 1, 2022, submit the plan in final form to the Government  
131    Operations Interim Committee for consideration as a potential committee bill, which may  
132    include a grant of administrative rulemaking authority as appropriate.

133           (4) The division shall, as funding becomes available, provide training grants to crisis  
134    intervention teams.

135           Section 4. Section **63I-2-262** is amended to read:

136           **63I-2-262. Repeal dates -- Title 62A.**

137           (1) Subsection 62A-5-103.1(6) is repealed January 1, 2023.

138           (2) Section 62A-5-111 is repealed January 1, 2021.

139           (3) Title 62A, Chapter 15, Part 19, Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council, is  
140    repealed January 1, 2023.